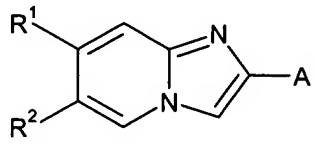
Claims

1. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of formula



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wherein

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen, hydroxy and (C_{1-6})-alkoxy;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen, hydroxy and (C_{1-6})-alkoxy;

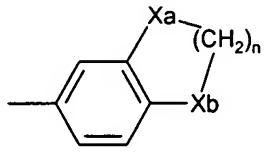
A is unsubstituted aryl or aryl substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C_{1-6})-alkyl, hydroxy, (C_{1-6})-alkoxy, benzyloxy, amino, (C_{1-6})-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-6})-alkyl-amino, arylamino, diarylamino and nitro, or

is unsubstituted heteroaryl or heteroaryl substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen,

halogen-(C_{1-6})-alkyl, hydroxy, (C_{1-6})-alkoxy, benzyloxy, amino,

(C_{1-6})-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-6})-alkyl-amino, arylamino, diarylamino and nitro, or

is the group



wherein

X_a, X_b are, independently from each other, selected from the group consisting of-CH_2- and -O-; and

n is 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

and a pharmaceutically suitable carrier.

2. The method according to claim 1, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula I wherein A is unsubstituted aryl or aryl substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C_{1-6})-alkyl, hydroxy, (C_{1-6})-alkoxy, benzyloxy, amino, (C_{1-6})-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-6})-alkyl-amino, arylamino, diarylamino and nitro, and R^1 and R^2 are as defined in claim 1.

3. The composition according to claim 2, wherein A is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C_{1-6})-alkyl, hydroxy, (C_{1-6})-alkoxy, benzyloxy, amino, (C_{1-6})-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-6})-alkyl-amino, arylamino, diarylamino and nitro.

4. The composition according to claim 3, wherein A is phenyl substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C_{1-6})-alkyl, hydroxy, (C_{1-6})-alkoxy, benzyloxy, amino, (C_{1-6})-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-6})-alkyl-amino, arylamino, diarylamino and nitro.

5. The composition according to claim 4, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of
2-(3-chloro-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine,
7-methyl-2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine,
2-(4-methyl-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine,
2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine,
6-methyl-2-(4-methyl-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine, and
2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine.

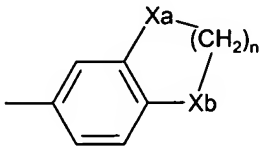
6. The composition according to claim 3, wherein A is phenyl substituted with at least two substituents selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C_{1-6})-alkyl, hydroxy, (C_{1-6})-alkoxy, benzyloxy, amino, (C_{1-6})-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-6})-alkyl-amino, arylamino, diarylamino and nitro.

7. The composition according to claim 6, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of
2-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-7-methyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine, and
2-(3,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine hydrochloride,

8. The composition according to claim 1, wherein A is unsubstituted heteroaryl or heteroaryl substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of (C_{1-6})-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C_{1-6})-alkyl, hydroxy, (C_{1-6})-alkoxy, benzyloxy, amino, (C_{1-6})-alkylamino, di-(C_{1-6})-alkyl-amino, arylamino, diarylamino and nitro.

9. The composition according to claim 8, wherein the compound is 2-benzofuran-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine.

10. The composition according to claim 1, wherein A is the group



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wherein X_a, X_b are, independently from each other, $-CH_2-$ or -O-; and n is 1 or 2.

11. The composition according to claim 10, wherein the compound is 2-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine.